

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-21.

Please add the following new claims:

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Claim 22 (new). A ski vehicle comprising:

(a) a seat;

(b) steering means for steering the ski vehicle;

(c) frame means for supporting the seat and the steering means;

(d) a forward ski member attached to the steering means;

(e) a rear ski member;

(f) pivotal attachment means for pivotally attaching the rear ski member to the frame means at longitudinally spaced locations on the rear ski member to permit the rear ski member to flex between said spaced locations; and

(g) footrest means for supporting the feet of a user, said footrest means

extending on each side of the frame means and being disposed between the seat and said rear ski member.

Claim 23 (new) A ski vehicle as claimed in claim 22, wherein the footrest means is fixedly located on said frame means or on said rear ski member.

Claim 24 (new) A ski vehicle as claimed in claim 22, wherein the front and rear ski members have the same width.

Claim 25 (new) A ski vehicle as claimed in claim 22, wherein said frame means comprises first and second frame members each joined at respective first ends thereof to a headset member and joined at second ends thereof to a third frame member, said third frame member being disposed substantially parallel to said rear ski member, said third frame member carrying said footrest means.

Claim 26 (new) A ski vehicle as claimed in claim 25, wherein the footrest means comprise a pair of footrests extending on opposite sides of said frame means.

Claim 27 (new) A ski vehicle as claimed in claim 25, wherein the pivotal attachment means attach the rear ski member to the frame means adjacent ends of said third frame member.

Claim 28 (new) A ski vehicle as claimed in claim 25, wherein the first frame member supports the seat.

Claim 29 (new) A ski vehicle as claimed in claim 25, wherein the headset pivotally supports the steering means, the steering means comprising a pair of handlebars attached to at least one fork member, a lower end of the at least one fork member being attached to the forward ski member.

Claim 30 (new) A ski vehicle as claimed in claim 29, comprising a pair of fork members.

Claim 31 (new) A ski vehicle as claimed in claim 29, wherein the handlebars are disposed in a vicinity of the headset and are shaped and spaced to accommodate a drag lift or other tow lift.

Claim 32 (new) A ski vehicle as claimed in claim 30, wherein the fork members are pivotally attached directly or indirectly to the forward ski member.

Claim 33 (new) A ski vehicle as claimed in claim 30, wherein the forward ski member is pivotally attached to the fork members for movement about at least an axis which is transverse to the longitudinal direction of the frame means, said axis being defined when the forward and rear ski members are aligned.

Claim 34 (new) A ski vehicle as claimed in claim 22, wherein the frame means is attached to the rear ski member by suspension means.

Claim 35 (new) A ski vehicle as claimed in claim 22, wherein the steering means is attached to the forward ski member one or more suspension members.

Claim 36 (new) A ski vehicle as claimed in claim 22, wherein the front ski member is pivotally connected to the steering means, the ski vehicle comprising means for damping pivotal motion of said front ski member.

Claim 37 (new) A ski vehicle as claimed in claim 22, wherein said footrest means includes abrasive upper foot engaging surfaces.

Claim 38 (new) A ski vehicle as claimed in claim 22, wherein a rear portion of the rear ski member located rearwardly of a rearmost attachment to the frame means is arranged to be wider than a remainder of the rear ski member, which remainder has a substantially constant width.

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REMARKS

The Official Action of October 2, 2002 has been carefully considered and reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The specification has been amended to make changes of an editorial and clerical nature and thereby to remove the bases for the objections at paragraph 3 of the Official Action. An abstract has been provided on a separate sheet.